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NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Our next social membership meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 8th at 7:30 PM at the museum engine house meeting room. This will be our first meeting at this location and since it is not yet furnished, please bring your own chairs. Mary Rehwald from Quincy will be a guest speaker, telling us about grants and how we can obtain them to improve our property. Bob Larson will present a slide show afterward featuring highlights of the "Highline." Refreshments will be served.

LAST MEETING

The June 13th meeting was not so well attended as usual, perhaps the Train Sheet came out too early and some of us forgot to mark our calendars. Remember, we meet on the second Wednesday of every other month. None-the-less those of us who did attend were treated to some very interesting movies shown by Hap Manitt. His movies were taken on the 1950's and 1960's at Portola showing the old depot, snow removal and a number of employees who are now long gone. Thanks Hap, and thanks too for furnishing the refreshments.

WESTERN PACIFIC MOVIE

The night of May 25th was a night to remember. Don Olsen drove up from San Francisco, accompanied by Ted Wurm and Guy Dunscomb, to show us his Western Pacific movie titled "50 years on the WP". Many historic scenes were shown from construction days to Zephyr years. About 50 people attended the show. Don most graciously donated his cost for the show to help our museum funds. Don is looking for additional early film on the WP, if any one knows of same, he sure would be interested.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

A lot has happened since our last newsletter. After waiting for what seemed forever, visible progress is being made. The Portola City Council signed a lease on the property, donated equipment has started to arrive, track work has started, we had our first event in the engine house and the Feather River Short Line equipment has been moved from the Quincy fairgrounds.

It was really exiting to see our 921 switching cars around the engine house tracks after the arrival of No. 8. Jim Boynton, at the throttle, seemed right at home as 921 preformed flawlessly doing its work. Maybe some day soon No. 8 will be doing this work. You can be sure Jim will have his hand on the throttle.

As Railroad Days approaches we will want our facility to look good to visitors. While not open to the public on a regular basis yet, we never-the-less expect a number of people will want to see what we are doing and will want to see our equipment. Each of us should do what we can to make the property presentable.

During may, Union Pacific painted the Portola depot and out buildings. They also placed a flag pole and small planter near the depot entrance. This certainly makes the facility look nice.